

SPORT

600 more sign Stones petition

OVER 600 signatures were collected by Wealdstone FC Supporters Club members in St Ann's on Saturday in support of the club's 'Bring Home the Stones' campaign to relocate the club back into the Borough of Harrow.

Stones, whose two year spell at Yeading finishes at the end of this season, will be ground sharing with Edgware at the White Lion ground next season, but their ultimate aim is a new home of their own back in the borough.

They are proposing the development of a multi-use community based sports and leisure facility that will not

only be the new home of Wealdstone FC, but will also provide for up to 50 other sports and recreational activities - something desperately required in the borough following the recent closure of Harrow Leisure Centre.

So far Wealdstone have collected in excess of 2000 signatures to support their petition. They hope to have over 5000 by the time it is handed to Harrow Council next month.

WEALDSTONE FC BLUE RIBBON LOTTERY
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● Wealdstone Supporters Club members, collecting signatures in St Ann's.

Supporters stage annual sports quiz

WEALDSTONE FC Supporters Club will be holding their 1995 Sports Quiz on Thursday March 2.

Teams will be limited to four persons and the entrance fee is £10 per team (£2.50 per person).

There will be trophies for the winners, runners-up and the team that finishes third.

The evening will also include a raffle, which will be drawn during the half time interval, and there will also

be a bar open for the duration of the contest.

For details of the venue and to book a place in the quiz, telephone Dave Albert on 0628-783682 (day) or 061-203-5060 (evenings).

Wembley are in charitable mood

Harefield Utd 2
 Wembley 3

IT may have been the Middlesex Charity Cup, but Wembley were perhaps a little bit too benevolent at Harefield on Tuesday as they turned what should have been an easy win into a nail-biting finale, writes John Comfort.

Captain Rob Smith was given every indication that they could at least double that advantage, when the tide dramatically turned in the last five minutes after Matt Catlin gave away a needless penalty and then a blunder by substitute keeper Alan Cumberbatch gifted Harefield a second goal.

It left the Lions anxiously playing out the closing stages before claiming a quarter final place at home to the winners of Monday's Wealdstone v Ruislip Man- or- it.

It was the home side that had been in the more charitable mood in the first half as defender Lee Johnson turned a cross from Wayne

Cody into his own net to put Wembley ahead after 24 minutes.

After Steve Daly gifted home a header from a Charlie Flaherty free kick five minutes into the second half to make it 2-0 the game appeared over as a contest.

And that viewpoint was seemingly confirmed when Mark McGinty fired in Wembley's third on the hour after keeper Small had failed to hold Andy Smith's close range snap shot.

But with five minutes left Dave Hewing reduced the arrears with a penalty after Catlin handled and two minutes later Hewing scored again after Cumberbatch mistimed a complete hash of smothering a cross from May.

Wembley prevented any further mishaps but the finish was decidedly less comfortable than it should have been.

Wembley: Fanner (Alan Cumberbatch), Flaherty, Cadin, Walters, O'Brien, Daly, Cody (Veiga), Ashley, Cumberbatch, Smith, McGinty, Sakhradi (Jenson).

Only Cup's biggest ever upset can deny men from Sudbury

Wasps in last four is banker

IF Wasps do not go into the draw for the Pilkington Cup semi finals at Twickenham on Monday one of the greatest rugby upsets of all time will have occurred at the County Ground, Exeter, on Saturday.

The old cliché 'anything can happen in the cup' should not really apply. Rugby these days is becoming much more of an exact science.

Wasps are in the elite of the elite and stand alongside Bath and Leicester at the very top of the rugby pyramid.

Exeter on the other hand are currently fighting against relegation from Di-

By Alan Bodenham

vision Three of the Courage League and the last time they reached this stage of the competition, Leicester defeated them by 76-0.

Wasps, who have already put 100 points on two respectable sides from the Second Division, Newcastle and Waterloo, should have nothing to fear.

Wasps will be faster, stronger, fitter and more skilful than their opponents. With all due respect to the Devonians, when the men from Sudbury start running at them from all sorts of angles

and from everywhere on the pitch, they will not know what has hit them.

Exeter might hold out for a while, but as Wasps have proved numerous times this season, the opposition will crumble dramatically as the game goes on.

The flu bug that hit Sudbury a couple of weeks ago has now cleared up, so Norman Hadley, Guy Gregory and Phil Hoyle are back in the squad. However, Nick Poplewell is a definite absentee as he has international commitments.

There is no restriction on Rob Andrew's appearance, but the club might wish to rest him in order to give him

time to prepare for Wasps' vital League match against Leicester the following week.

Coach Rob Smith will not select his team until after training tonight (Thursday) as there are a few knocks and niggles to clear up in the squad, notably to John Ufton and Damian Hopley.

● The kick off time for Wasps' match at Leicester on March 4 has been brought forward to 2.30pm so as not to clash with Leicester City's game on the same day. The home match against Bath in the League on March 25 will be covered live on Sky Television, and will now kick off at 2.15pm.

Seven goal Wares storm into semis

Edgware Town 7
 Bedford 0

INITIAL impressions were that this Middlesex Senior Cup match on Tuesday should not have been played, considering the amount of water on the White Lion ground pitch, writes Tom Hooks.

But after savouring by far their biggest win of the season, there were no complaints from Edgware.

They played with obvious enthusiasm from the start but it was some 30 minutes before they deservedly took the lead. Seamus Finnerty playing a beautiful long pass to Steve Newing who sped away from the defence and coolly rounded the keeper before shooting into the empty net.

The lead was increased before the break when Newing's menacing corner was headed goalbound by Eugene Flynn and John Mangin added the finishing touch.

In the second half Edgware carried on where they had left off and on 55 minutes a great move ended with Petrou feeding Newing who meremised his marker before sending an unstoppable shot into the net.

10 minutes later it was 4-0 when Flynn got the goal he deserved with a fine header from a Newing corner.

The woodwork denied Newing his hat-trick before a fifth goal came when Newing crossed, Flynn headed on and Mangin was again on hand to score.

The rout was completed with goals for Ferry and Petrou in the last 10 minutes as Edgware powered through into the semi-finals.

New cup date HARROW Borough's Middlesex Senior Cup game at Hendon on Tuesday was postponed again.

The match has been rearranged to take place at Clarendon Road on Monday and if there is a further cancellation, the teams will try again on Wednesday.

Shields back but Walters is out

PAUL Shields is available after suspension for Wembley's home game with Whyteleafe on Saturday but Wayne Walters joins Steve Lawrence on the banned list, a three match absence for his recent dismissal.

Fit again Matt Catlin and Kenny Page are both added to

manager Glen Charles' squad.

Tony Knight sits out the second game of his suspension and misses Harrow Borough's home match with Carshalton. Manager Harry Manoe has no injury problems.

Rod Brathwaite is well on the way to recovery after his Achilles tendon operation and could be in line for a place in the Wealdstone team to visit Tonbridge. Gerry Solomon sustained a leg injury in training and is doubtful.

Tyrone Kent, who has been released by Stones, has joined Corby Town.

Edgware Town are away to the improved Chalfont St Peter and have Steve Saltsman available for selection after a two match ban.

Kingsbury Town expect to have both Richard Louch and Graham Ash back after periods of suspension for their difficult away game against in form Leighton.

Chris Simpson, who has been recovering from a broken leg, was tragically reported to have broken the same leg again in a Sunday match.

Although Rayners Lane beat Wantage Town 5-0 at home earlier in the season, the Oxford side have improved their results and are likely to prove a more difficult proposition in the return this Saturday. Darrel Clements is available again.

Steve Cott hopes to have a run out in the reserves in his comeback after a long term injury.

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The week's soccer fixtures

Saturday February 25

Diadora League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Carshalton Ash (Earlsfield, 3pm)
 Diadora League Div One: Wembley v Whyteleafe (Vale Farm, 3pm)
 Diadora League Div Two: Chalfont St Peter v Edgware Town
 Diadora League Div Three: Leighton Town v Kingsbury Town

Sunday February 26

Buzzer Homes League Southern Div: Tonbridge v Wealdstone
 Harlequin League: Warrington v Rayners Lane
 Monday February 27

Middlesex Senior Cup: Hendon v Harrow Borough (if off, new date is Wednesday March 1).
 Middlesex Charity Cup: Ruislip Manor v Wealdstone.

The latest league tables

DIADORA LEAGUE		BANKING		LEIGHTON							
P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L
Harrow	26	16	7	3	43	22	5	5	10	37	30
Carshalton	26	12	4	10	10	12	4	10	12	4	10
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